ECSTASY:hearts

FRIENDS?

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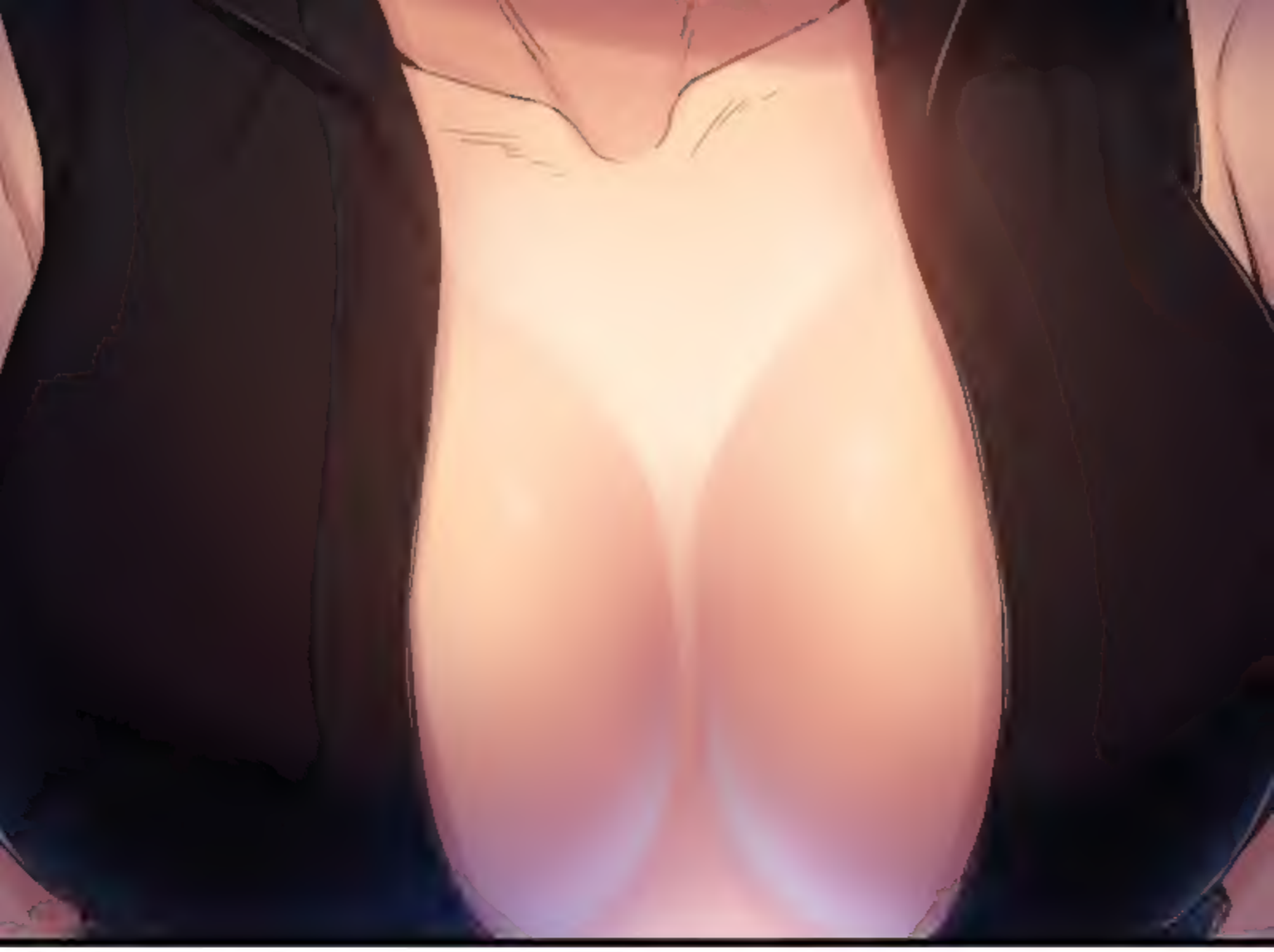
F-FRIENDS?..AFTER ALL THAT?
NO-NO-NO.. SHE MUST BE TESTING ME.

RIGHT. THIS IS NO FRIENDSHIP
BUT A TEST, AXEL.

AT LEAST--..



-..NOT WITH THAT THING.

COME TO THINK OF IT..

..SHE'S DOING EXACTLY WHAT HER COUSIN DID!

RELAX..BREATHE.. HOOOH..
CALM YOUR SPIRIT AXEL.
DON'T GIVE IN..

IF I FAIL NOW,
I'LL LOSE ALL MY CHANCES.

SHE'S JUST TRYING TO SEE IF I AM SINCERE OR NOT.

I HAVE TO KNOW WHAT'S

ON HER MIND.

AXEL?

RIGHT. FOR NOW I'LL JUST DO WHAT SHE WANTS.

AND SEE HOW IT GOES.

ARE YOU ALRIGHT?

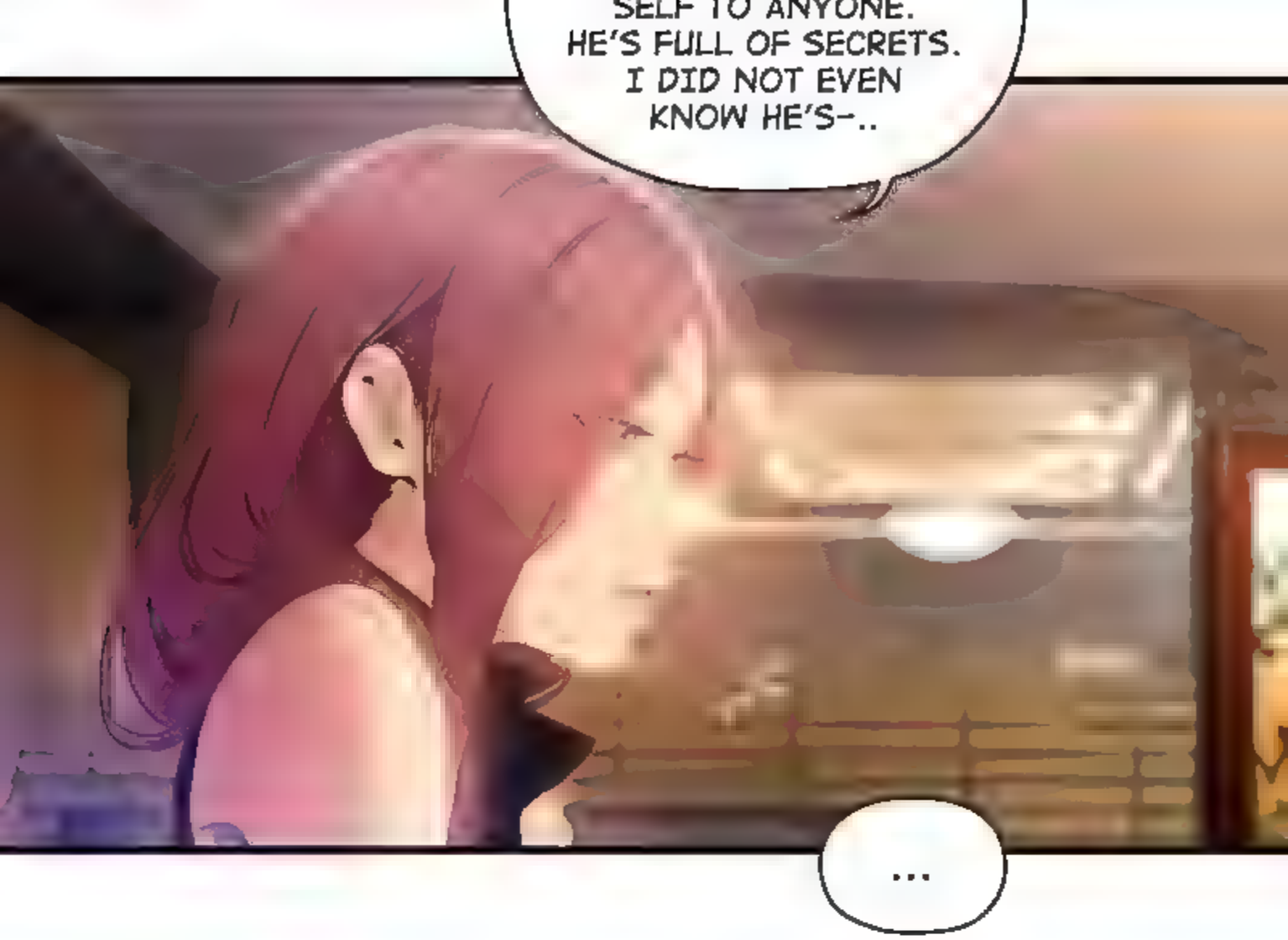
YOU ARE SWEATING A LOT.

WHAT? SWEATING? AM I? I-I'M FINE. I'M JUST RELIEVED WE'RE IN GOOD TERMS NOW.
SO, FRIENDS?
YUP, FRIENDS.

ARE YOU SURE YOU ARE FINE? YOUR HAND IS COLD AND SWEATY.
NATURAL MOISTURE, I GUESS. HA-HA-AH.
I HOPE WE'LL GET COM-FORTABLE WITH EACH OTHER NOW.

YOU ARE THE VERY FIRST FRIEND I'VE MADE. THEY SAY "FIRST TIMES" ARE VERY HARD TO FORGET

WHAT ABOUT THE MANAGER? WASN'T HE YOUR FRIEND?
OR WAS HE ON YOUR CUPID'S LIST, EH?
PERHAPS YOU ARE RIGHT. I DID ADMIRE HIM. HE'S THE MOST ATTRACTIVE GUY I'VE KNOWN. NO DOUBT ABOUT THAT BUT-..
-..MANAGER KIM WAS MORE OF A GUARDIAN TO ME.
HE'S ALWAYS THERE TO PROTECT ME BUT HE NEVER OPENS HIS


SELF TO ANYONE.
HE'S FULL OF SECRETS.
I DID NOT EVEN
KNOW HE'S-..
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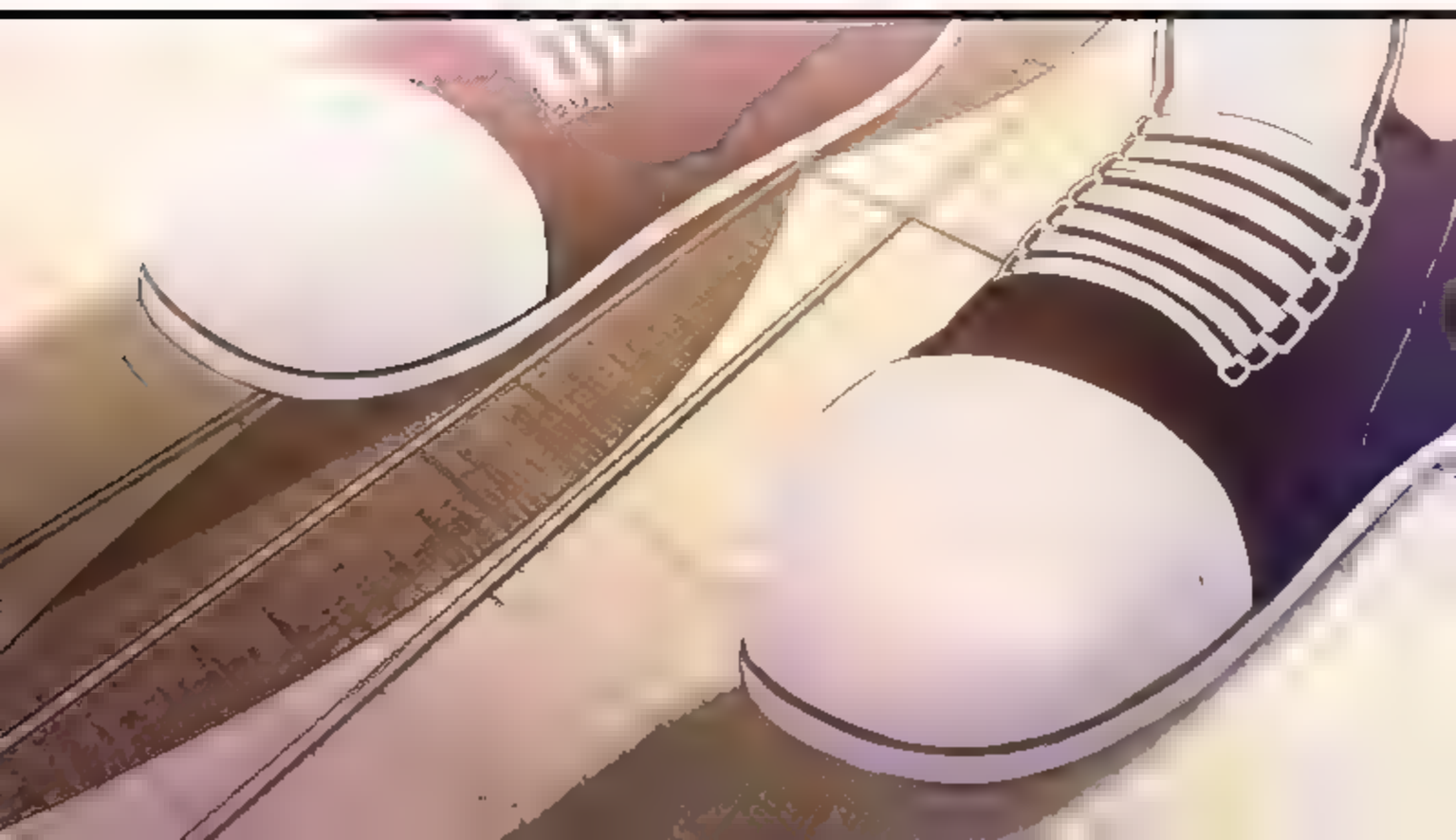
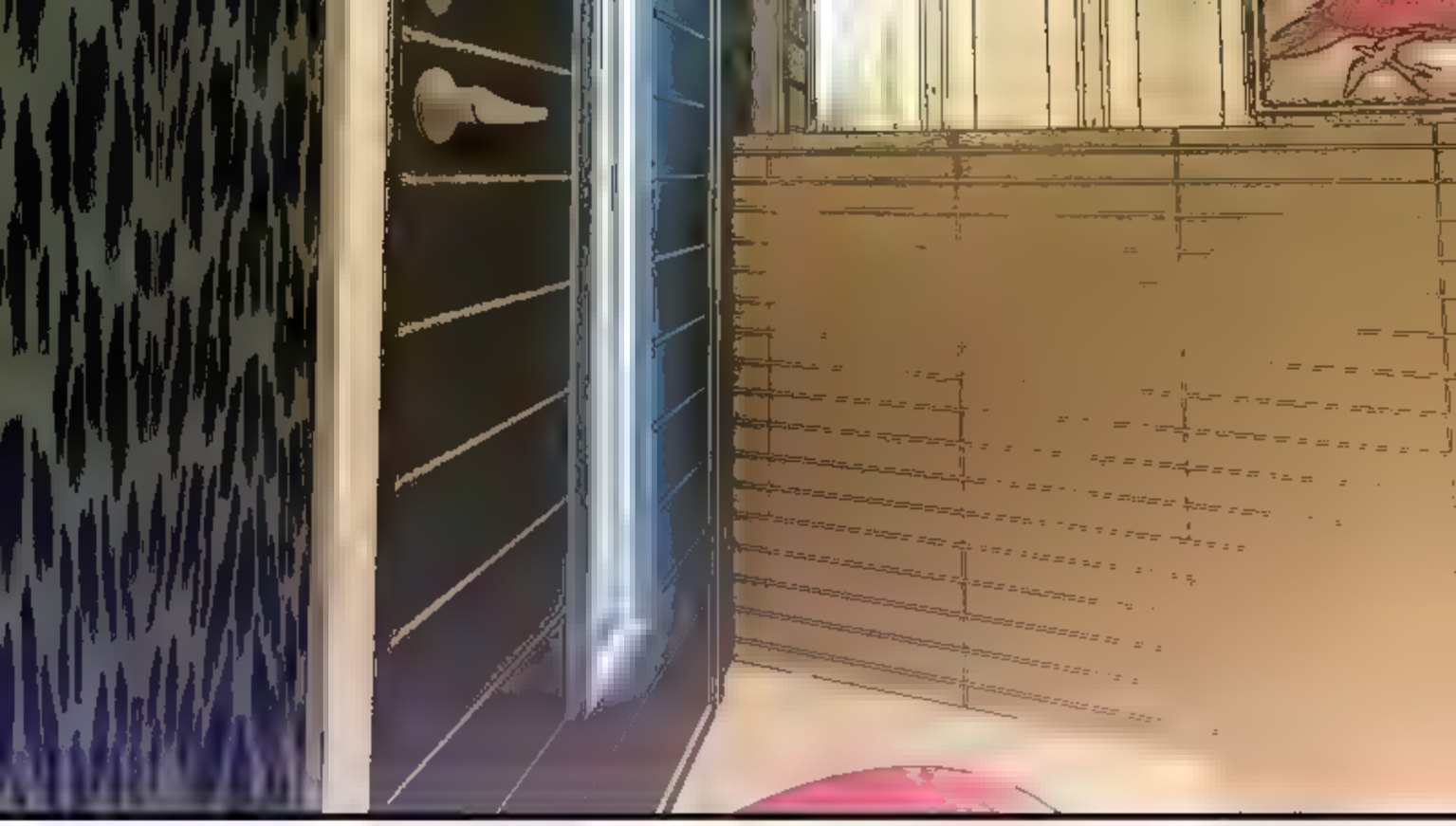


DIDN'T I TELL TO TAKE OFF YOUR SHOES BEFORE YOU CAME IN?
TRY MAKING THAT A HABIT FROM NOW ON, OKAY?

THERE SHE GOES..
SHE WANTS TO BECOME
THE ALPHA OF THIS FRIENDSHIP.

YOU SOUND MORE LIKE A PARENT RATHER THAN A FRIEND ANYA. FEELS WEIRD.
NO I'M NOT. HAVE YOU EVER HEARD OF COMMON DISCIPLINE, MY "FRIEND"?

YES
MY "FRIEND"
BUT I THINK
YOU ARE WAY
TOO STRICT.
BLLLEEPPP
BLLLEEPPP



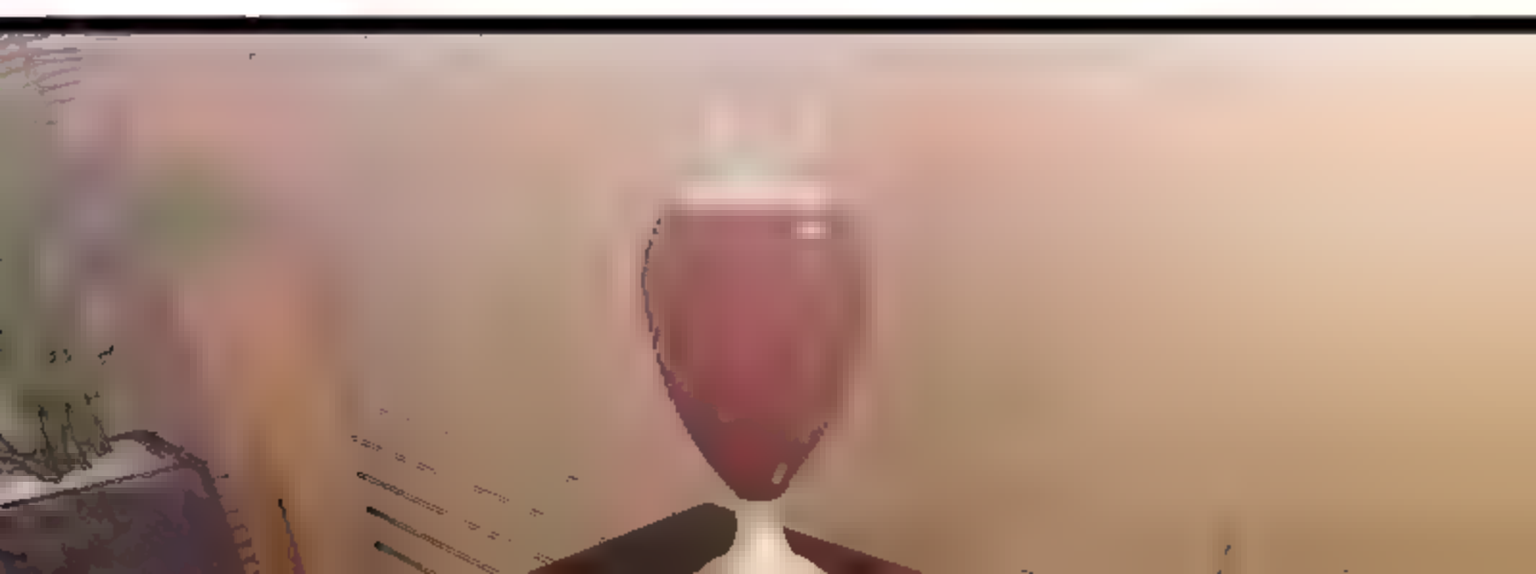
GOOD EVENING! DELIVERY FOR MISS SHIMIZU
DELIVERY? SINCE WHEN

DID SHE--?
HEY "FRIEND". THERE'S A DELIVERY FOR YOU.
I DON'T REMEMBER YOU ORDERING SOMETHING THOUGH. IS THIS YOURS OR PROBABLY WRONG ROOM?

THAT IS MY PACKAGE. JUST RIGHT ON TIME!
PLEASE SIGN IT FOR ME, MY "FRIEND".

GOOD EVENING SIR, DELIVERY IS THIS MISS SHIMIZU ANYA'S ROOM?
YEAH BUT SHE MIGHT BE OUT FOR A WHILE SO I'LL RECIEVE THE PACKAGE FOR HER IS THAT OKAY?

SURE. PLEASE SIGN THIS FOR ME, SIR
ALRIGHT



SO?
WHAT'S IN THE BOX?

SOMETHING FUN. DO YOU LIKE FUN?

OF COURSE I DO.

WHAT KIND OF FUN? MANGA? VIDEO GAME?
NOPE. BUT IT IS A GAME. MY FAVORITE ONE.
SLIDE..

ENHANCES YOUR SENSE OF BALANCE. CAN YOU GUESS?
SIGH.. IS THIS ONE OF YOUR "BET GAMES" AGAIN? YOU SURE ARE PERSISTENT YOU KNOW THAT?

IF YOU KEEP ON PROVOKING ME, I MIGHT LOSE MY GRIP AND MAKE YOU STRIP FOR REAL.
NOD..
MM-HMM.

TRUE.
TAP..
TAP..

THAT'S WHY I'M SO EAGER TO DO THIS!
THE REASON WHY I BROUGHT YOU TO A MORE PRIVATE PLACE MY "FRIEND"?
BECAUSE I DON'T WANT TO EMBARASS YOU IN FRONT OF THE CAMERAS.

HERE WE CAN
DO WHATEVER WE WANT.
NO CAMERAS. NO OTHER PEOPE.
JUST US. YOU-AND-ME.
DON'T WORRY,
WE'RE STILL "FRIENDS"
AFTER THIS.
HOW'S THAT?
HOOH~?
SUCH
CONFIDENCE.
I CAN'T REALLY TELL
WHAT SHE'S PLOTTING NOW.
YOU'VE BECOME UNPREDICTABLE
ANYA.

ALRIGHT I'M IN.
LET'S DO THIS.

SO HOW DO WE PLAY THIS?
YOU CAN READ THE BASIC RULES THERE. WE'LL JUST FOLLOW THAT ONE.

JENGA HOW-TO-PLAY:

THE OBJECTIVE OF JENGA IS TO REMOVE ONE BLOCK AT A TIME FROM THE TOWER AND THEN STACK IT ON TOP.
THE LAST PLAYER TO STACK A BLOCK WITHOUT MAKING THE TOWER FALL WINS THE GAME.

EASIER SAID THAN DONE.
OH MY--! I BUILT THE TOWER WITHOUT USING THE TRAY. QUINN SHOULD SEE THIS. HAHA!
QUINN? THAT LITTLE DEVIL PLAYS JENGA TOO?
YUP! SHE'S NEXT TO NO ONE WHEN IT COMES TO GAMES AT HOME!
THERE WAS THAT ONE TIME MUM ALMOST OUTPLAYED HER I'M NOT SURE WHAT RULES THEY WERE USING BUT EVEN THE TOWER WAS ALREADY THIS HIGH, QUINN STILL WON AGAINST HER

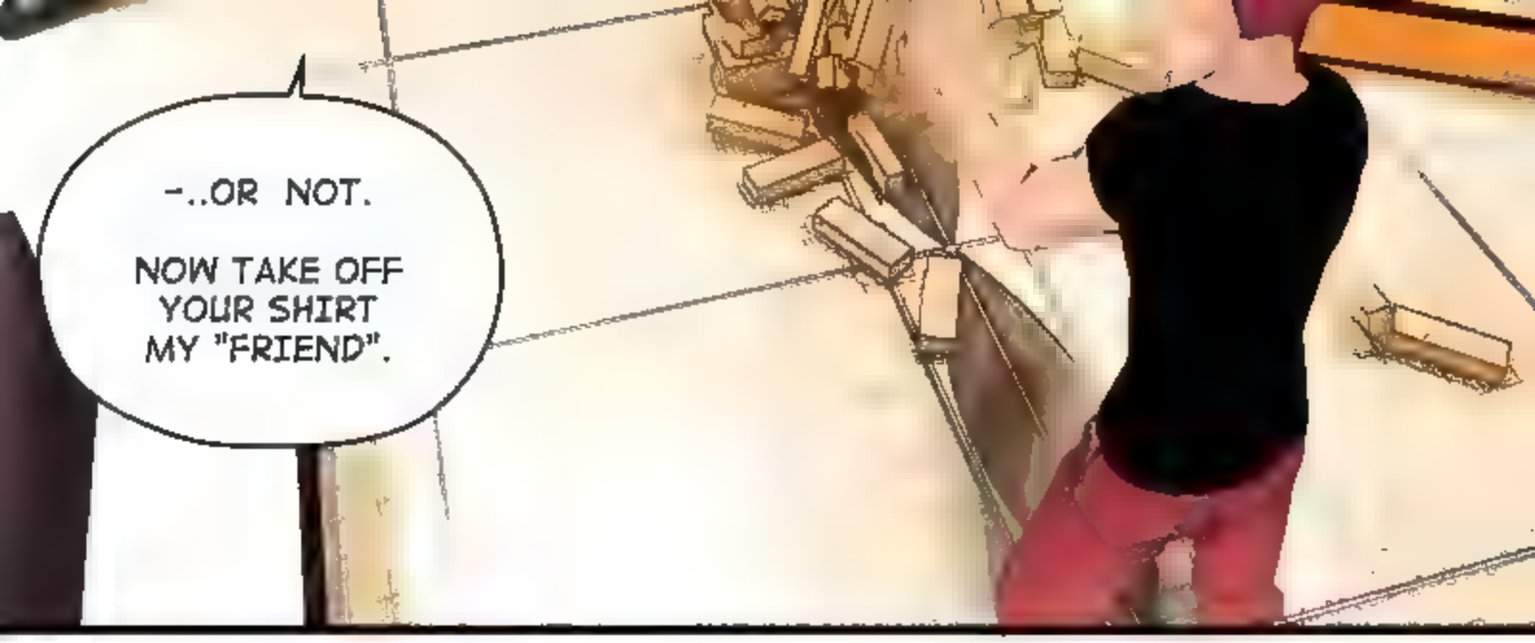
OH I CAN'T WAIT TO BEAT THAT CHIBBY'S ASS!
OH PLEASE, MY "FRIEND".. IF YOU CAN'T BEAT ME THEN THERE'S NO WAY IN HELL YOU CAN WIN AGAINST MY QUINEE.
WE'LL SEE ABOUT THAT. LET'S

BEGIN THEN.

SLOWLY~..

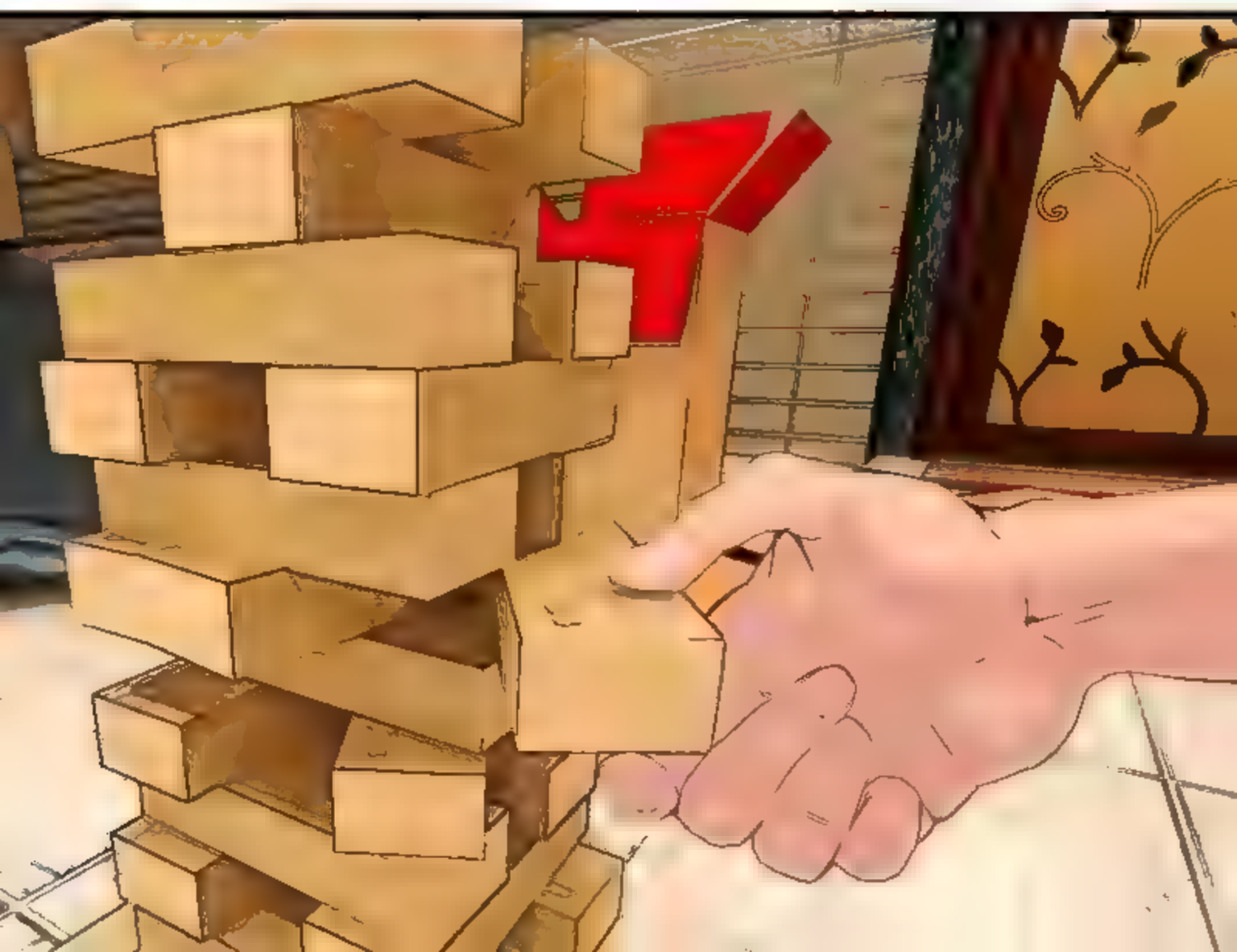
HMM..
NOT BAD.
YOU ARE PRETTY
GOOD FOR A
BEGINNER.

OF COURSE I AM!
UH-HA-HA-HA HA-HA-HA!


-..OR NOT.
NOW TAKE OFF YOUR SHIRT MY "FRIEND".

CLAC...

CLAC...



N-N-N-NO-NO-NO!!
GAAH!!!
DAMN IT!
STRIKE TWO.
NOW TAKE YOUR
PANTS OFF MY
"FRIEND".

BLEEP...
BLEEP...

THE WINNER
TAKES IT ALL
SO GO AND SEE WHO'S

OUT THERE..

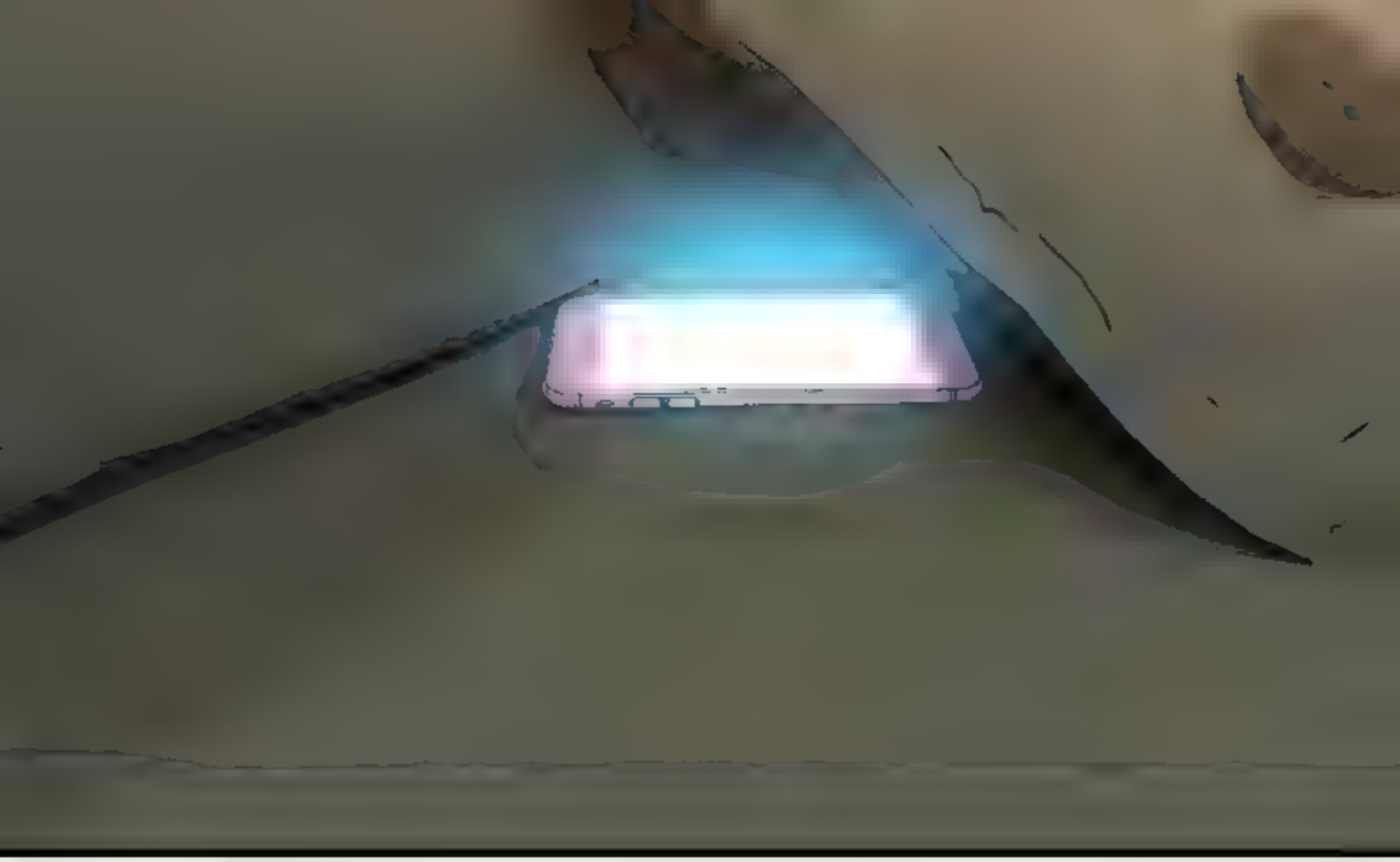
PFFFFHEKHEK.

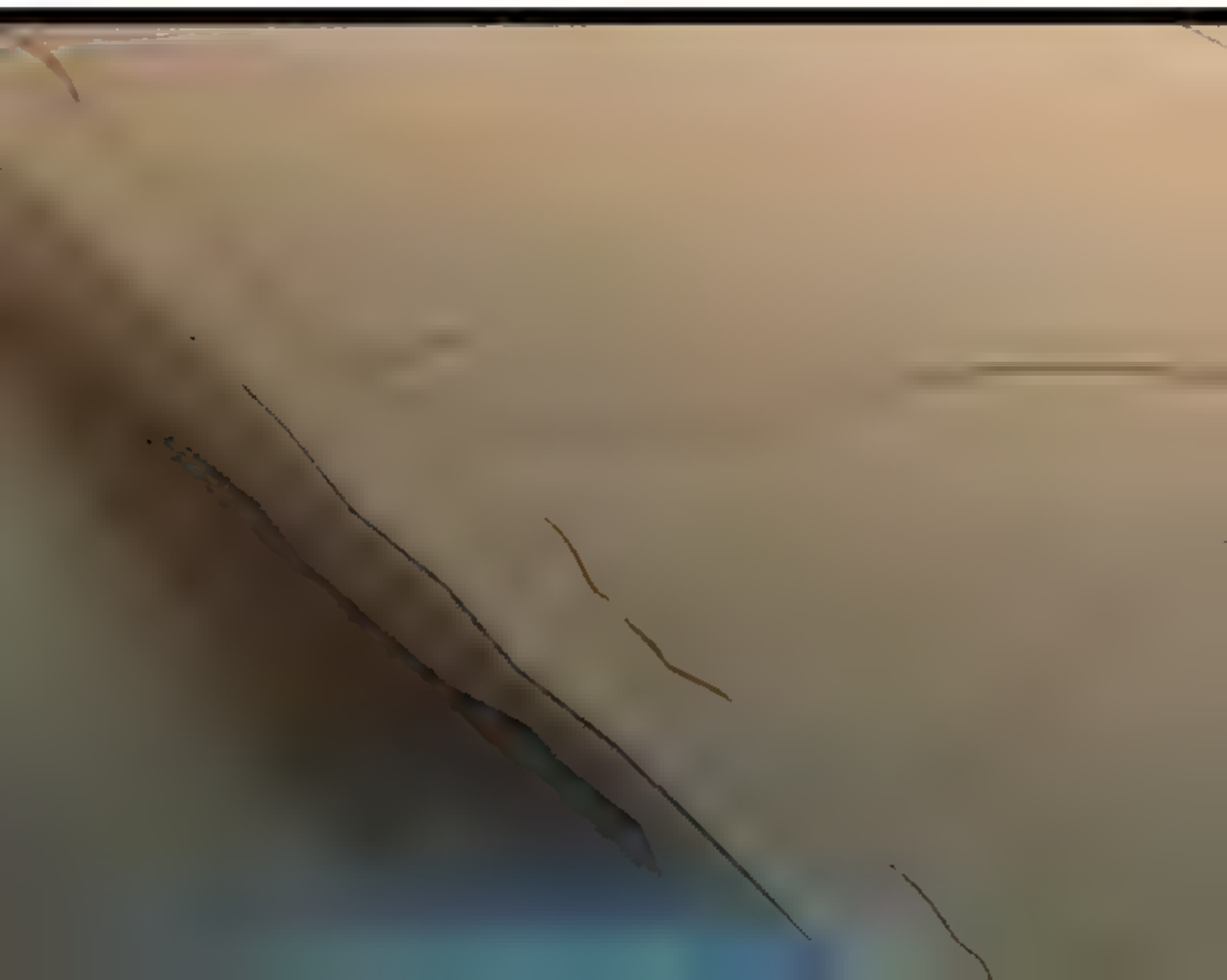
WORDS
OH WELL GOODLUCK ON THAT
NOW GO IT'S PROBABLY JUST THE ROOM SERVICE THIS TIME. THEY WON'T MIND

..

I'LL HAVE MY CHANCE TOMORROW ANYA.

YOU'LL SEE!





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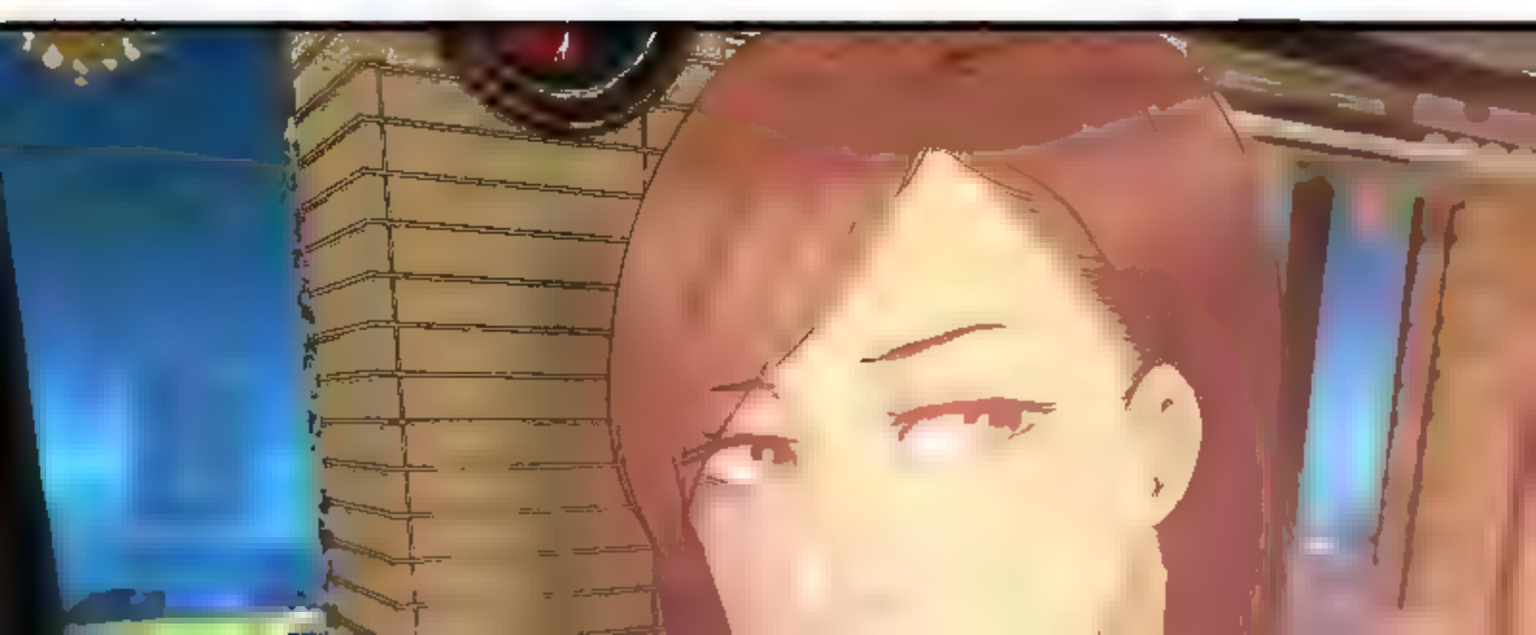

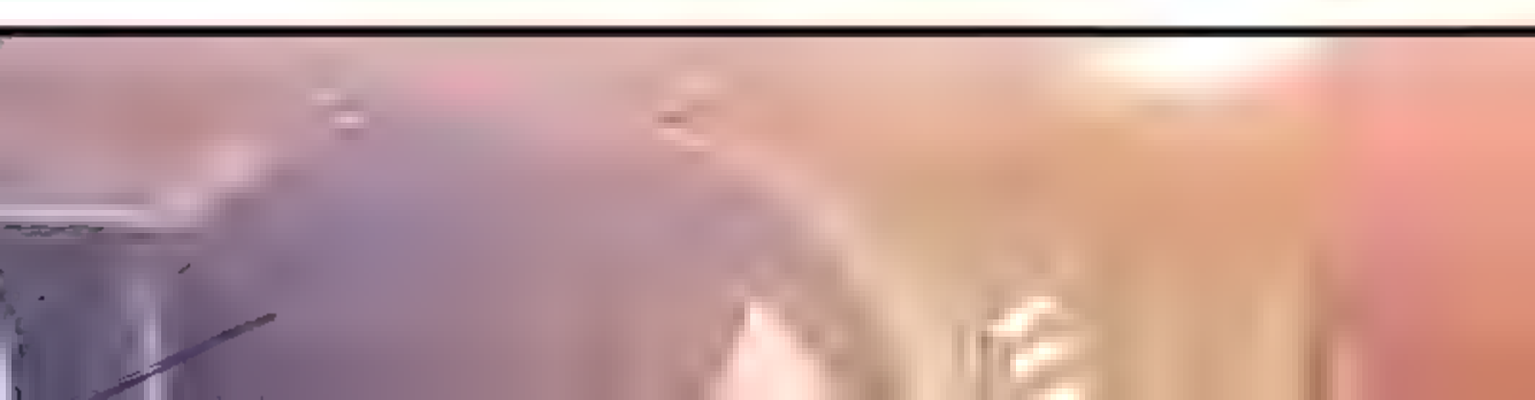

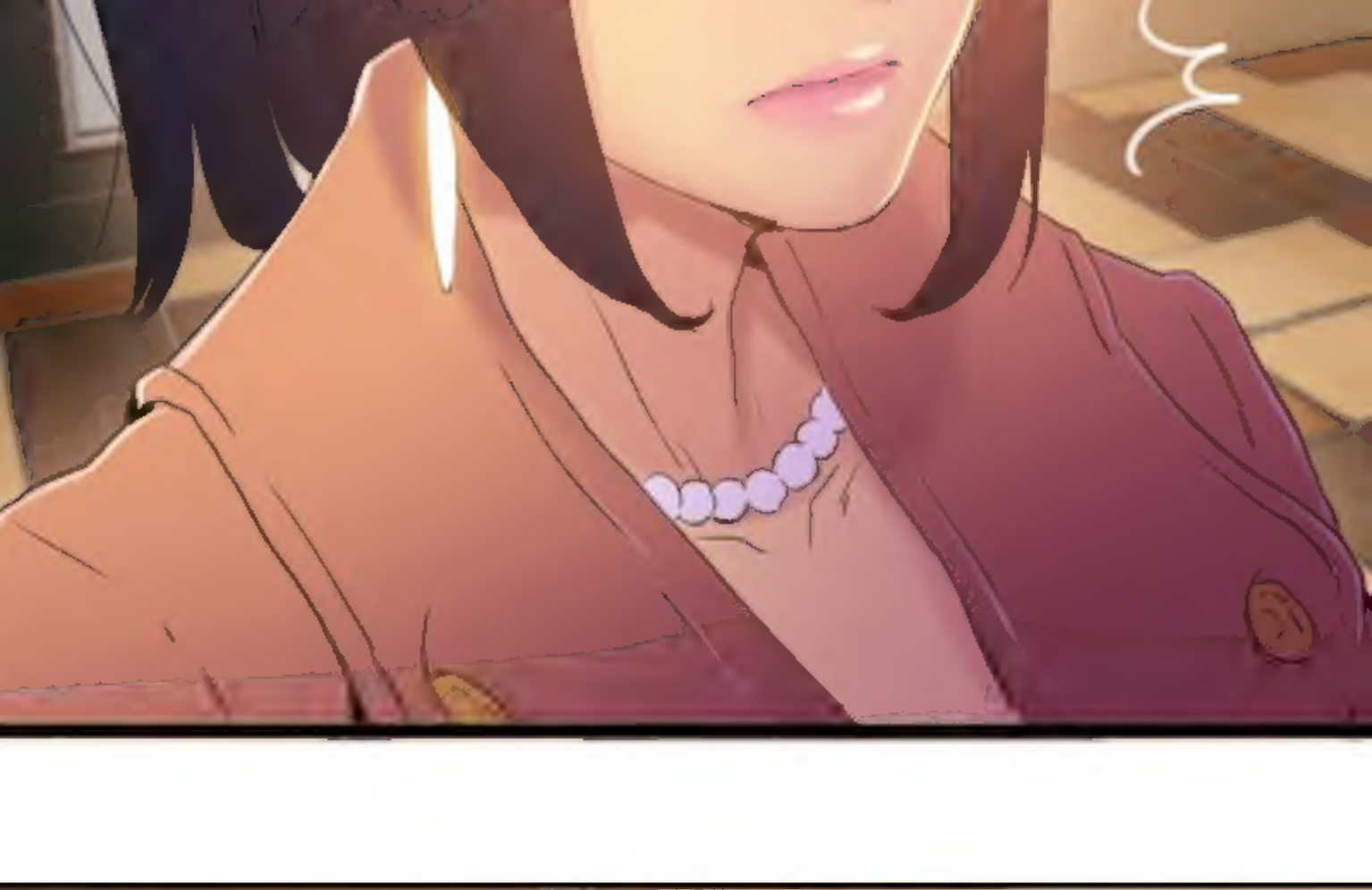

SUMIRE!?
W-WHY IS

SHE--!?

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